

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves to the highest standards of excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, Val Pelizzaro of St. Louis had attained considerable distinction down through the years as an athlete and coach who also served as a mail carrier with the United States Postal Service for forty years until his retirement; and

Whereas, Val Pelizzaro has further distinguished himself through his receipt of the Bob Burns “Benchwarmer” Award in light of his longstanding record of achievement as a coach of the Judge Dowd League at St. Boniface, for Busch Juvenile teams, with the Kutis team for one year, and at Saint Louis University for thirty years, and as an assistant for the Visitation High School girls teams since 1994 and at Washington University since 1997; and

Whereas, a player with the Kutis team for sixteen years, Val Pelizzaro won six National Titles with Kutis and five NCAA Titles with Saint Louis University; served on a World Cup team in 1957, a Pan American team in 1959, and an Olympic team in 1960; and

Whereas, Val Pelizzaro was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame in 1984, St. Mary’s High School Hall of Fame in 1993, Saint Louis University Hall of Fame in 2003, and St. Mary’s High School Hall of Fame; received the Bauman Sportsmanship Award in 2003 and the Alumni Award for Achievement from Saint Louis University in 2002; and earned twelve Varsity Letters for football, track, soccer, and baseball; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Laura for fifty years as of October 11, 2002, Val Pelizzaro is justifiably proud to be known as the loving father of Valerie, Tom, Matt, Mike, and Tony; uncle of Jan; and grandfather of sixteen wonderful children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Val Pelizzaro for a prestigious Bob Burns “Benchwarmer” Award and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt commendation of his long association with competitive sports and our best wishes for continued personal success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Val Pelizzaro of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker